

## The Watchman and Southern.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. A. M. McCauley, of Chester, is visiting Mrs. W. E. Thayer on East Liberty street.

Rev. W. E. Thayer has gone to Ridge Spring, S. C., where he is conducting a series of meetings.

Mrs. H. P. Scott is spending some time in Spartanburg. From there she will go to Woodruff to visit relatives.

Mrs. Bishop, who has been visiting Mrs. C. F. Whitted returned to her home in Raleigh this morning. She was accompanied as far as Columbia by Mrs. Whitted.

Rev. Walter Herbert, of Spartanburg, and formerly presiding elder of the Sumter district of the Methodist church, was a visitor in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cooper, Jr., of Wisacky, are here for the horse show.

Mr. Earl C. Page, of Columbia, was in the city today.

Mr. Robert Wilson, of St. Charles, was among the visitors at the horse show.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirven, of Darlington, were in attendance at the horse show yesterday.

## IN SESSIONS COURT.

**Alleged Blind Tiger Declared "Not Guilty" — Grand Jury Nearly Through Work.**

From The Daily Item, Oct. 12.

In General Sessions Court today R. L. Peebles was being tried on the charge of obtaining goods by false pretenses, two cases against him being tried at one time. It is alleged that by mortgaging some stock to O'Donnell & Company, he secured advances of goods by means of the mortgage, when the animals were already mortgaged to other concerns, of which fact he did not inform Mr. O'Donnell. Mr. Peebles claims that he informed Mr. O'Donnell of the previous mortgage when he gave the second mortgage.

The case against Solomon Brewer, selling alcoholic liquors, was taken up and completed yesterday afternoon, the jury returning a verdict of "not guilty."

Willie Johnson was arraigned on the charge of murder and plead not guilty.

The grand jury at noon was working on the last batch of bills and will probably complete its work at this time of court this afternoon and be dismissed.

The grand jury Tuesday afternoon returned the remainder of the bills of indictment given it by the Solicitor, true bills being returned in each instance. Before court adjourned the Solicitor announced that there would be no court next week and the sheriff was notified to advise jurors drawn for next week of this fact.

The case against R. L. Peebles, charged with obtaining goods by false pretenses, was completed and a verdict of not guilty returned. The next case taken up was that against Thomas N. Miller, obtaining goods by false pretenses.

Bills returned Tuesday afternoon were:

Jno. Wilson, burglary and larceny, true bill.

Bradford Farmer, obtaining goods by false pretenses, true bill.

Bradford Farmer, disposing of property under lien, true bill.

Loring Huggins, abduction, true bill.

Tom Singleton and Whilden Sprott, transporting alcoholic liquors, true bill.

Francis Taylor, assault and battery with intent to kill, true bill.

Disposition was made of the following cases:

Silas Burgess, seduction, continued.

McKiever Cuttino, violation of dispensary law, put on contingent docket.

H. L. B. Wells, failing as magistrate to pay over fines, continued.

Rachael Potts, murder, continued.

John E. Dow, violation of dispensary law, continued.

J. C. Clarke, having alcoholic liquors in possession, continued.

From The Daily Item, Oct. 13.

The case of the State vs. Kahn, charged with transporting liquor, was the first case disposed of today. The defendant was convicted not long ago in the Recorder's Court and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100. In view of this the court imposed a sentence of \$100 or three months upon his plea of guilty, but suspended sentence on condition that Kahn pay \$25 to the Clerk of Court, which he did.

In the case of the State vs. Robert Grant and Edgar Reese, charged with murder, with the consent of the solicitor, Grant plead guilty of manslaughter and Reese was found not guilty.

The case of the State vs. Huggins, upon an indictment for abduction, was continued until the next term

of court upon the grounds raised by the defendant's counsel that the indictment was bad in form and improperly drawn. Considerable time was taken up in the argument for a continuance.

During the horse show the court will meet at nine o'clock and continue through until two, thereby doing away with the afternoon sessions.

## GRAND JURY DISMISSED.

**Final Presentment Handed in to Judge Shipp—County Offices in Good Condition and Well Kept.**

The Grand Jury made its final presentment to Judge S. W. G. Shipp on Tuesday afternoon and after the six hold-over jurors were drawn was dismissed from further attendance upon the court this year and next year as grand jurors, except for the six hold-overs.

The presentment to Judge Shipp was:

To The Honorable, S. W. G. Shipp, Presiding Judge:

We your Grand Jury beg leave to make our final presentment for the Fall Term of the Court of General Sessions, 1915, as follows:

We have passed upon all bills of indictment given into our hands and returned the same to the Solicitor with our findings endorsed thereon.

We submit herewith the full report of the expert accountants employed to examine the books of the various county officers. (On account of its length we recommend that only the reports and not the details of these examinations be read to the court.)

We regard this report as full and complete and in the highest degree satisfactory, in that it shows that the books of the county officers are in fine condition and kept in perfect order.

In the matter of tax executions placed in the hands of the sheriff by the county treasurer, we recommend that the statutes relating to same be hereafter followed in the handling and returning same.

The finance committee reports that the books of the county treasurer and county auditor have been checked up by them as required by law and the same found correct in every particular.

We also submit the following report from the committee on public buildings relating to the county jail, which we desire to emphasize as of the highest importance.

"We, the committee from the Grand Jury to inspect and report upon the condition of public buildings beg to submit this an additional report touching the county jail.

The recent escape from this building of several prisoners accentuates the fact that the jail has become inadequate for the purpose for which it was constructed, and until another building is constructed we think the interests of the county may be jeopardized.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Stubbs, Chairman.

The Grand Jury desires to express to the county officers its thanks for the help and courtesy rendered during the examination of the books of their various offices.

Also we desire to thank your Honor and the officers of the court for the courtesies extended us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Dunbar, Foreman.

## PREPARING FOR POULTRY SHOW

**Promoters Raising Funds for Prizes and Other Expenses Connected With Exhibition of Poultry and Pigeons.**

The promoters of the Sumter County Pigeon and Poultry show are quietly at work these days making their preliminary preparations for the big poultry and pigeon show which they will hold here in November. Besides having secured J. H. Drevestedt, one of the best known poultry fanciers and experts in the country as judge, they have started out to raise money for prizes, sufficient to induce many poultry raisers to bring their birds here.

In each class the prizes will be \$15.00, \$2.00 for first and \$1.00 for second prize in each event, with ribbons for third, fourth and fifth places. \$300 is counted on from entries and admissions and remainder of \$217 has been pledged by 22 members of the association who pledged themselves personally responsible for \$10 each. Committees have been appointed and are soliciting subscriptions. These committees report excellent success so far, and it seems that the desired amount will be secured without any trouble.

## Home Destroyed by Fire.

From The Daily Item, Oct. 13.

The home of Mr. Thomas J. Kirven, who lives about four miles from Sumter on the Mayesville road, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The occupants of the house had a narrow escape and practically all the household goods were burned. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The D. J. Chandler Clothing Co., has an attractive and neatly arranged show window displaying fall and winter underwear.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETS.

**Number of Important Matters Discussed—Reports of Various Departments Received.**

City Council held its regular meeting Tuesday night with all members present. Mr. McKaken, manager of the local Postal Telegraph office, appeared and asked that the license of \$75 be reduced to \$50 as heretofore. His request was granted, but the company was made to pay the penalty for not paying the license on time.

A report of the working of the Police department was received and ordered filed. This report showed that there had been 77 arrests since the last report, totaling 381 days. Fines amounting to \$665 had been collected and counting the number of days offenders had served the total fines would amount to \$741.20. Chief Sumter and Superintendent of Streets White reported that the work of installing steel cages in the city jail was progressing.

The report from the Civic League library was received. It showed that there are 386 members and that between June 1st and September 13, 2,150 books had been lent to members. From September 13 to date an additional 362 books had been lent, making a total of 2,512 books.

A petition from the property holders of Kendrick street was presented requesting that the entire block, from Harvin to Magnolia streets, be paved in accordance with the terms of the recent street paving election. The date for the sale of the bonds in the recent election was fixed for November 23rd.

The license ordinance for 1916 was read and discussed. Several changes were made, the most conspicuous being that the license on cotton buyers was eliminated and the license on pool tables was raised from \$100 to \$200.

## NEARLY TIME TO PAY TAXES.

**County Treasurer Has Books Ready to Receive Payments, but Does not Expect a Rush.**

County Treasurer B. C. Wallace is ready for the opening of his office for the receipt of taxes on Friday, October 15th, which is the time specified by law when the county treasurers shall open their offices to receive taxes. He has his books in readiness and many of the receipts already prepared.

Mr. W. C. Broughton who has assisted Mr. Wallace for a number of years during the time taxes were coming in will again be in the office this year to assist in the receipt of taxes. Mr. Wallace states that he does not expect a rush at first, as the taxpayers have never before appeared in a hurry about paying on the first day the windows are opened and it is not probable that they will be this year.

## Death of a Little Child.

Kate Dean Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Yates, died at Sumter, October 10, 1915, aged 20 months. The funeral was conducted by Rev. R. S. Truesdale at the home of the parents, 112 South Harvin street, assisted by Revs. J. N. Tolar and J. M. Rogers, after which the little body was laid to rest in the city cemetery at 4.30 P. M., October 11.

The floral tribute by many friends was very beautiful. This little child was a community pet, having a most remarkably bright and cherry disposition. She was ill only six days, and all that medical skill could do was done with the help of competent nurses.

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community in their sad loss.

"Who plucked that flower?" cried the gardener as he walked through the garden. His fellow-servant answered, "The Master!" And the gardener held his peace.

**\$1.75**

**Excursion to Kingstree, S. C.**

ON ACCOUNT OF THE

**Williamsburg County Fair**

The Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Sumter to Kingstree at \$1.75, via Lanes, for all trains on OCTOBER 19th to 22nd, INCLUSIVE. Limited returning up to and including midnight of October 23rd, 1915. Proportionately low fares on same dates and with same return limits will be made from all intermediate stations.

The fare via Florence will be \$2.55.

For schedules and further information call on O. V. PLAYER, Ticket Agent, Sumter, S. C.

**Atlantic Coast Line**

The Standard Railroad of the South

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY MEETING.

**Stockholders in Annual Session at Richmond—Directors Elected.**

Richmond, Va., Oct. 12.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Southern Railway Co., today, a large number of the individual stockholders attending in person and a great majority of the local capitalization of the company being represented either in person or by proxy, Fairfax Harrison, president of the company; Robt. M. Galloway, banker of New York, and John W. Grant, capitalist, of Atlanta, Ga., whose terms as directors expired were re-elected, and Henry P. Spencer, vice president who was elected by the board to fill the unexpired term of the late Col. A. B. Andrews, was also elected director for the full term of three years. Following the policy inaugurated last year, the meeting was open to the public and there was full and frank discussion of the reports covering the operations of the company for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1915, which was submitted to the stockholders at this meeting, and of the plans and prospects for the coming year.

President Harrison presided and a number of the vice presidents and other principal officers were in attendance and all questions asked by the stockholders in regard to the management of the property were fully answered and full information given concerning the affairs of the company, and conditions in the territory it serves.

## LANES POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

**Robbers Secured \$46 in Cash and Made Their Escape.**

Lanes, Oct. 13.—The postoffice at Lanes was robbed of \$46 last night. No money orders were taken. The bloodhounds were ordered out, but did not come.

## A Lone Bandit.

Florence, Oct. 13.—A lone masked bandit walked into the postoffice at Lanes last night and flashing a pistol in the face of Postmaster E. G. Parker, ordered him to hand over the money. Parker opened the safe and handed the highwayman a sack containing \$35, the partial contents of the safe. The bandit backed out and disappeared, probably boarding a train. The robbery occurred at 8.30 within thirty yards of the hotel where thirty men were registered. There is no clue yet.

## WRIGHT SELLS INTEREST.

**Syndicate Buys Shares in Aeroplane Company.**

New York, Oct. 13.—Orville Wright has sold his entire interest in the Wright Aeroplane company, at Dayton, Ohio, to a syndicate consisting of William B. Thompson, August H. Wiggins, president of the Chase National Bank, of New York and T. Frank Manville, of the H. W. Johns-Manville company, according to an announcement made here today. The deal, it is reported, involves \$1,500,000.

## GARRISON'S ARMY PLAN.

**Army Will be Materially Strengthened and Enlarged.**

Washington, Oct. 14.—President Wilson has approved of Secretary Garrison's plan for army appropriations. It calls for one hundred and eighty-four million dollars—seventy-four million more than last year.

Secretary Garrison's plan calls for an artillery service that can resist the long range guns of enemy battleships, besides the addition of thirty thousand to the standing army, the militia will be increased to four hundred thousand.

## Fire This Morning.

The fire department was called out at about 7 o'clock to fight a fire in Weeks' market on South Main Street. The building and contents were considerably damaged, but the fire was kept from spreading.

## Dixie Highway Tour.

Chattanooga, Oct. 14.—The directors of the Dixie Highway will arrive this afternoon on the first official tour of inspection from Chicago to Miami. They will be given a big welcome. They leave tomorrow for Atlanta. They are encountering rains.

## KILL THAT THIRST

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**BUILDING MATERIAL GENERALLY AND FEED OF ALL KINDS.**

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